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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Natarajan SETHURAMAN et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 7-13 and 20-40, as well as linking claims 1-6 and 17-19 for examination, with traverse. Once a linking claim is found to be allowable, the restriction requirement will be obviated, and Groups I, II, and III will be examined together.

Respectfully submitted,

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